



Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday – November 10, 2010

The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission convened in a regular meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, City Hall, Room 1101.

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Current Commission Members:

Kedron Touvell, Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb	Melvin White

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – November 10, 2010 - 6:37 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Chip Rosenthal, Chair
Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Melvin White

Commissioner absent Randall Kolb

City Staff in attendance

Rondella Hawkins
Paul Lewis
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission

3. Citizen Communication: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No citizens signed up for Citizen Communications

4. Approval of minutes – September 8, 2010 Commission Regular Meeting and October 13, 2010 Workplan Retreat.

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 8, 2010 and October 13, 2010 Workplan Retreat were approved by consent for the Commission. Vote 5-0-0. (Commissioner Kolb absent.)

5. Invited Presentations

- a. AustinGO, City's web redesign project update (Doug Matthews) (wp4)

Doug Matthews, City of Austin Public Information Officer presented an update on the City's web redesign project with a PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=145270>

- b. Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. (Jacob Browning) (wp4)

Paul DiGiuseppe, Principal Planner with the City of Austin's Planning and Development Review Department gave an overview of the City Comprehensive Plan with a PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=145269>

6. Staff Briefings

- a. Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Rondella Hawkins) (wp5)

Rondella Hawkins, Manager of the City of Austin's Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported included updates on the Interlocal agreements between the City of Austin and Austin Independent School District for the provision of programming over cable access channels; the Technology Ascertainment Survey; and the Courts upholding all provision on SB5 regarding the State issuing cable video franchises to new providers.

- b. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) 2009 Annual Report. (Sheena Harden) (wp2)

Sheena Harden former City of Austin grant coordinator and now with Austin Free-Net was gracious enough give an overview of the GTOPs 2009 Annual Report.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=145295>

The Commission declared a resolution in honor of Mr. Harden's service to the community.

7. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission 2010 Workplan accomplishments. (Touvell)

The FY 2010 Workplan accomplishments of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission was approved on Commissioner Williams' motion, Commission Ramsey's second on a 5-0-0 vote.(Commissioner Kolb absent)

- b. Discussion and possible action on the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission 2011 Workplan. (Touvell)

The FY 2011 Workplan of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commission White's second on a 5-0-0 vote.(Commissioner Kolb absent)

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on the 2011 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Review Committee members. (wp2)

The 2011 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Review Committee member appointments are Doug Conrad; Erik Azulay; Ming-Chun Lee; Ellen Lee; Jon Lebkowsky and Elizabeth Gibson as alternate. They were approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commission Ramsey's second on a vote of 4-0-1. (Commissioners Touvell, Rosenthal; Ramsey, Williams voted aye. Commissioner White abstained. (Commissioner Kolb was absent).

Commissioner Lemuel Williams will serve as the Chair to the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program Review Committee approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion, Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Kolb absent)

- b. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Rosenthal reported that channelAustin located at 1143 Northwestern Avenue is hosting an art exhibit titled "Jubilation" that will open on November 12, 2010 and run through February 28, 2011. The exhibition is open to all Austin artists. channelAustin will air the art opening live from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM November 12.

9. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

Proposed items for the December 8, 2009 Workplan Retreat:

- o Discussion and possible action on the Commission's involvement in the City of Austin's Comprehensive Plan.
- o Update on Technology Ascertainment Survey.
- o Introduction of new GTOPs coordinator.
- o GTOPs update.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm